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FROM WASHINGTON.

Queer Characters and Cranks Who Congregate at the Capital.

Weary Waiting of Woeful Woman-Cheeky Old Bummers.

Cross Purposes in Dispensing Places Allotted to Texas.

Cumbrous and Costly Court-The Davis-Dorsey Suit Remanded.

Clerks of Defunct Committees-Daily Drudgery of Congressmen.

They have pitiful or wonderful stories to tell. Many have been prosecuting claims through weary years. They came to Washington years and years ago, thinking that the presence would compel attention and

see an old action. woman nearly every day bending be-neath the weight of nearly eighty neath the weight of nearly eighty years, who has devoted the last twenty to the sole purpose of inducing con-gress to pay \$2,000 for all that she possessed in Virginia, appropriated by marauding Union soldiers. She has quartermaster's receipts, which she exhibits; she tells of her devotion to the Union, and when she contemplates her rags and helplessness, she says cherily, "I will get my money now, and have a little home again for my grandchildren. Their father fell at Antictam, father fell at Antietam, you know, and the government never forgets those who gave it to their children." Her faith in the goodness of the Union is sublime. She seems unconscious of the lapse of years, and will never learn that the convergence. will never learn that the concession of one claim like hers would break down a barrier through which such floods of gold would rush that the treasury would be drained of its last penny, and Folger left on a sand-bar in the empty channel of another Pactolus. God will send death in pity, and the little home of which she dreams will have all the

I saw another woman to-day whose face is scarred and scamed by small-pox. She was young and beautiful when the war began. Her eyes alone now attest the fact. She is ever repulsive till she begins to tell the simple story of her life. She was a pretty maiden. Fired with the enthusiasm of youth and reading of the sufferings of brave men in hospitals and on battletields, she became a professional nurse. She served in camps and hospitals, everywhere, and was a very angel of mercy. She watched at the bed-ide of a soldier infected with small-pox, contracted

them honor. Mr. Calkins has presented a bill in the house contemplating the concession of pensions to these army nurses, thus designated as such by the soldiers they served. Of course there were many more of these devoted women, but only these few survive. Diseases contracted by the inhalation of death-dealing poisons, exhaled from the dying, the gangrened and the dead, have sent the greater number beyond the reach of federal beneficence.

CHANKS AND BUMMERS.

Each hotel has its special policeman who,apparelled as a common-place citburners and dead-beats who prey upon strangers and newly-fledged congressmen and rural place-seekers. Rufflans and thieves abound. Well-By Mail and Telegraph.

Washington, December 16.—Washington is the Mecca of cranks. Queer characters saunter about the hotels.

They doe the steps of congression. steps of congressmen. they return. Others confessing impe cuniosity and pangs of hunger would borrow enough to buy bread. A surly, great monster, whose eyes blazed and hair was still and parched by alcohol, constituting half his blood, swore like a madman, when his demand for a dollar was denied. They learn a stranger's name and residence and c cupation, and pretend to be stranded penniless citizens of the place whence their victims come. The avenue is lined each morning with impecuations sufferers from debaucheries of the night. They endure tortures of the damned until some pitying wayfarer gives a nickel with which alcohol may be bought, and accustomed fires within re-illumined.

PLACE-SEEKERS.

Habitual place-holders, who have spent their lives in offices, state and federal, are most persistent and most successful hangers-on of congressmen. The good creature who has lived in clover all his life is most wretched when on the dreary common. He has never learned to provide for himself. Of toil he knows nothing. His patriotism is as sensitive as mercury, rising and falling with the volume. ume of dollars flowing his till from the public treasury. strangest fact is the predilection evinc-ed by those who dispense patronage for those who have always been its benecharms her fancy paints; but she will never find its shining portals here or in the valley which Sheridan desolated. The next cold blow that comes down from the snow-clad hills will bear the pitiful bundle of rags and long gray hair, fleshless bones and fond hopes and matchless faith in her country's sense of right into the potter's field. contrary, a newspaper man has only studied how to serve others and promote their purposes of ambition. And then who can deny sympathy to fishes on dry land? The tenure of place is the surest litle to place, and place-holding in the capitol invests those having offices with the right of perpetual occupancy.

ual occupancy.
TEXAN CONGRESSMEN.
It seems that the little storm excited by newspaper reporters some weeks ago in Texas among representatives of that state, has resulted in their failure that state, has resulted in their failure to co-operate in the matter of dispensing the share of places allotted to the people of the commonwealth. The result will be the loss of many positions which Texans might have won. If the delegation had made a list of appointees and presented it with their joint approval, the state would have been conceded its proper relative number of positions; but each Texas congressman stands alone and cares only for citizens of his district. Applicants thus approved by only one member from the state are readily thrust aside. This state of facts acts most harshly in Nat Q's case. He has been Hancock's virulent partisan enemy, even supporting Hon.

JEFF DAVIS AND MRS, DORSEY.
Telegraphic dispatches stated that
the supreme court decided outright
that Mrs. Dorsey's heirs lost their cause in the suit against Jefferson Davis. On the contrary, the court failed to discuss any question of right or title involved, only declaring that the suit was brought on the wrong side of the court. The case was re-manded that it might be re-instructed manded that it might be re-instructed in a court of law rather than an equity. But all the facts involved in this contest between Mr. Davis and the heirs of his benefactress were before the court, and if it existed for the good of the country and people why did it not settle the interminable

why did it not settle the interminable and costly controversy at once? Mrs. Dorsey's heirs will grow old and be reduced to poverty, and Davis go down into the grave. Meanwhile lawyers and courts and their cumbrous costly machinery rollon, like Juggernaut's car, crushing out the very lives and fortunes of those whom they were instituted to serve. Courts, as well as revenue codes, need excision and re-Evans only tells form, incident to local evils i local and nepotism of these courts that cost and nepotism of these courts that cost the people \$10 for each one collected from defendants and paid over to plaintiffs. Mrs. Dursey's heirs would be bankrupted by final victory. It were wiser to nurse the delusions of a patriot claim entombed in dingy pigeon holes of the committee on claims than follow the jack-o'-lantern of law-suit till it is extinguished in dreamy fors of selectors.

extinguished in dreary fors of solemnity and ceremony enveloping the supreme court of the United States. Each senator made chairman of a committee is entitled to a clerk, paid as such out of the contingent fund of the senate. Even the chairman of the committee on revolutionary claims which has not been convened since Pherefore are chairmanships eagerly cought after, and therefore do needless committees subsist forever, and there-

erence to exactions of partisanship rather than in accordance with right and the fitness of senators for special duties and tasks assigned these com-It is also true that each senator is compelled, if he serves his constituents properly and read and answer count-

fore committees are organized with ref-

letters from his state, to employ a clerk. There is not a day that his constituents do not require him to visit one or more of, the departments. He must go certainly twice or thrice each week to He must attend to two or three country postmas-ters, and have as many cheerful chats each morning with the jocund Hatton or grim Gresham. The ugly custom houses of Texas and of the zona libro dally send Coke and Maxey to the thesaurian Folger. The president must be coddled when Jack Evans is riled. Then these senators must rush madly back to attend meetings of senate committees. Then they must listen for hours to Hoar or Morgan, and then ride down at 6 p. m. to dinner and then attend in their private apartments to

visitors from Texas, each with an to grind while our Tom grinds-little hatchets. Then there are spe little hatchet. Then there are special questions which these senators would discuss in the committee rooms or on the floor of the senate. They must go to the florary and consult books and

men more multifarious duties, and no living man, representing a great state, can fulfill his obligations satisfactorily to himself and his constituents who has not an intelligent clerk.

AN UNEQUAL DIVISON. As the senate is organized to-day by Republicans, chairmanships and clerks are the monopoly of Northern senators. These are richs When the senate does not provide they hire clerks and commonly have two others each, one of these a stenographer and letter writer. Texas senators receive an average of fifty letters each per diem.

The writers deem themselves harshly dealt with if there be no answers. To answer intelligently some bureau or department of government employe must be consulted, and will some one tell me how all this can be done by him who must around a recover home. him who must provide a proper home for himself and family in Washington and a competency for old age, and yet must spend \$1,500 per annum for clerical service? Senators from the North are rich and those from the South, with one or two exceptions, compara-tively poor, and Northern senators have these committee clerks, and those least able to have clerks have none. Does it not follow that every senator who is not chairman of a committee should have a clerk as well as these Having all this mechanical employ-ment forced on them, they cannot devote that time and care and toil and thought to great questions of state-craft which they must expound in the senate and in reports from committees they come the committees they come the committees the committee the committees the committees the committees the committee the committees the committee the tees they serve.

JOHNSON COUNTY.

Knights of Pythias Officers-Parrell Sentenced-A Marriage.

Correspondence of the Gazette. Cleburne, December 20.-The Cle-

issue is more of a prospectus than anything else, and rather crudely gotten up. The next issue is an-nounced for January 10th.

In the district court yesterday the notorious Bob Farrell was arraigned for cattle stealing. There are almost innumerable indistments pending against Farrell in this and other coun ties for such crimes. When called for trial, he succeeded in getting continuances in three cases, b.t his petition for a continuance in a fourth was denied, and the case was brought to trial, Farrell had not employed a lawyer, and did not request the appointment of one by the court, managed his own case. Yester own case. Yesterday afternoon and this morning were con sumed in hearing testimony. Farrell made a two hours' speech, and when the jury retired they remained out only ten minutes and returned a verdict of guilty, fixing the penalty at five years in the penitentiary. Other cases against Far-rell will be tried this term.

At the Episcopal church to-night Bishop Garrett solemnized the marrisge rites uniting Mr. Asa Childress of Terrell and Miss Mary M. Stone, daughter of Col. D. C. Stone of this city. A large concourse of people assembled to witness the ceremony, and every one was charmed with the disevery one was charmed with the dig-nified simplicity of the ritual and beauty of the bride. The newly wed-ded pair leave at once for Brenham to visit relatives there.

SOMERVELL COUNTY. Land Claims to Gleurose Lots Released -Christmas Chimes.

Correspondence of the Gazette, Glenrose, December 19.—The pros-pects for Glenrose have greatly im-proved. The land that the town site is located on has been placed on the oarket, Major Jourdan releasing his interest to Ball, Hutchins & Co. of Galveston, and settling the litigation of the same. Messra. Ball, Hutchins & Co. have now a local agent here and lots can be sold and good title made lots can be sold and good title made to the same. This property has been in litigation for several years, and has been a great drawback to the prosper-ity and building up of the town. Since the property has been put on the mar-ket, several parties have contracted for lots, and will build, on the same at

once. So with the natural nevamages of Glenrose, and the lots placed at reasonable figures, there is no reason why it would not make a good county town. A stock company has been formed to build a fine hotel, which the town has been greatly in need of, and other improvements are contemplated too numerous to mention.

The Ladies' Aid society gave a festival at the court house for the benefit of the Methodist Church, which netted \$70. Every one present had a pleasant time and went away pleased, especially the popular ones who received the flue cakes, which were 80 with the natural neivamme

voted to them by friends present.
Christmas time is close at hand, and
Christmas trees are in order. The
Baptists will have a Christmas tree
and supper Christmas night at the college, and the Masons will have a tree and supper at their new hall on Christmas eve. All anticipate a grand The stores are full of Christman

goods, and the merchants are all busy.

Money seems to be plenty, and parties
are preparing for Christmas. The
town has a display of fire-works every night, much to the amusement of the Rough Creek has been heard from.

Two young men, named Fox and Mc-Coin Iad a difficulty on Tuesday night over some neighborhood tale should have a cierk as well as these coin rad a difficulty on Tuesday chairmen? The proposition to concede such cierks, to such senators, is pruding and should be approved. Four men could hardly do the writing required by their constituents at the hands of the two senators from Texas, pacted to do the same.

Growth of Half a Century-Hints to Fort Worth. Correspondence of the dazetic

Chicago, December 17.-The sudden change from Fort Worth to Chicago in the short space of three days in winter is rather severe. From the land of sunshine to that of ley breath, at a single bound, is a quiek transplanting, and one has to brace up to take in, without surprise, the new climate. Your correspondent loft your city on the evalue of the 9th with selter. Cleburne, December 20.—The Cleburne Knights of Pythias last night chose the officials which are to serve next year. The following officers were elected: J. D. Osborne, C. C.; H. W. Patton, R. to G. L.; B. L. Hodge, V. R.; A. F. Dechman, K. of R. and S.; J. A. Lindgren, M. of E. Jack Baker, M. of F.; C. Williams, M. at A.; S. G. Criner, trustee. A grand bail will be given at the opera house on the night of the 21st, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

The new Greenback paper, mentioned heretofore as to be started here was issued for the first time to-day. The name is rather strangely "The True Mount Calm Enterprise. The first time forms of the green of the first time forms of diplomacy on the part of Mr. Voak, the genial live-stock agent of the way, is the right man in the right place. As proof of this, the first part of an elegant watch and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action of the first time forms of the first time forms of diplomacy on the part of Mr. voak action and the right place. As proof of this, the first part of an elegant watch and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action of the first time forms of the first part of an elegant watch and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action of the first part of an elegant watch and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action of the first part of an elegant watch and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action of the first part of an elegant watch and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action of the first part of an elegant watch and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action of the first part of an elegant watch and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action of the first part of an elegant watch and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action of the first part of an elegant watch and chain, valued at \$250. Mr. Voak action of the first part of the vening of the with quite at the evening of the win ent of an elegant watch and chain ned at \$500. Mr. Voak acknowledged the compliment in a nest and feeling speech which made the whole affair pass of very pleasantly. It is to be hoped that all the boys

will appear at the next round-up with their new silk bats on, untarnished. They seemed to enjoy their new uniforms immensely, and really appeared more like the solid men of Wall stree than bonanza cattle kings of Texas.

It is quite easy to conclude that Chi-cago is a wonderful city when you take into consideration the enormous transactions that take place here. You cannot help but admire the quickness and ease that accompanies the deals A city that can handle 50,000 hogs and 12,000 cattle in a single day, and other things proportionate, is certainly one that every man can justly feel proud of. The winter here has held off remark-

ably late, just as has been the case in Texas, but it is now snowing, and the prospect bids fair for winter in real earnest. This is the first snow-storm of the season, and it is but fair to con-clude that the cold weather which usually follows such storms will find its way South, and it would be well for you all to unpack flannels and beaver overcoats and have them in readiness.

Your correspondent has been very busy making inquiries as to the conditions of trade and the exact financial position of the North, and finds that the business as a rule for the past year has not been generally satisfactory. Of course, some branches of business have done well. Money does not seem a scarce commodity, but the rate select a scarce commodity, but the rate asked a scarce commodity, but the rate asked is a trifle higher than one year ago, and people are a little more timid about making investments. The business of Chicago is being done more and more every year by large corporations, and in fact this is the tendency all over this country. A man with moderate means county corporations. dency all over this country. A man with moderate means cannot cope with these large companies, and finds it next to an impossibility to establish himself alongside of such gi-gigantic institutions. Notwithstand-ing hard times are often alluded to, ing hard times are often any of ap-one sees but little in the way of ap-pearances to remind him of poverty or anything approaching it. The great anything approaching it. The great erowd jostles along just the same as in eminently presperoustimes, apparent-ly as comfortably chad. In a great center mae Cincago, the volume of trade increases with each year, but the profits are unsavory and at times almost imperceptible; still, one is bound to believe that some are actually coining

fortunes. The building that has been done The building that has been done here this summer doubles that of any former year, and the class of improvements are simply palathal. Chicage has reached a point to invite capital and inspire confidence, and hence the "money bags" are hearty contributors. Every Chicago man thoroughly believes that the future of his city is without a parallel, and that it

will eventually become the largest metropolis on this continent.

Colossal fortunes have been made here in real estate, and still the mills do good work, and men are daily found who will snap quickly at anything approaching a bargain.

Your correspondent saw Chicago when it was but little larger than Fort Worth, and has been a frequent visitor since then. He witnessed its burning and rebuilding, and even with this long acquaintance, there are new and strange localities which almost confuse me to find my way out. From a frontier post fifty years ago, it has risen to a city of probably not less than 700,000 people, with all the show and parade of metropolitan life that can be seen in New York.

With the marvelous growth of Chicago in view, there is reason for citizens in Fort Worth taking fresh courage, and to exhibit the same enter; rise which has made Chicago great. A few leading spirits in every place have much to do with its success, and with good railroad facilities, and a good country to back it up, such as Fort Worth possesses, she has nothing to fear. There is no better railroad center in the state of Texas, and certainly no more romantic spot for a city of no mean dimensions than Fort Worth enjoys, and if its citizens are only active in securing all the advantages that come along, you will be amply repaid.

An Illinois Tragedy.

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Winchester, Ill., December 21.—A bloody murderous affray occurred during a dance at the house of A. J. Davis, six miles from here, Wednesday night, in which Adam Hill's throat was cut by Chas. Sutton, and Geo. Snyder shot by John Sutton. Both died almost instantly. The Sutton brothers went to the dance armed, and with the avowed purpose of having a fight. The sflair grew out of a quarrel about the location of a school house, which divided the residents of the district into awo angry factions. house, which divided the residents of the district into two angry factions. Hill was not a participant in the fight, being only a spectator. The Sutton brothers and Ike Whitworth. who brought on the fight, were lodged in jail, and will have a preliminary examination next week. Great ex-citement exists in the neighborhood.

Collision and Loss of Life.

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Burlington, Io., December 21.—Passenger train No. 1 of the hicago, Burlington & Quiney ran into the rear end of passenger train No. 5 at Gladstone, Ill., last evening, telescoping a Pullman car, which ignited and was completely destroyed. Richard Sommers, superintendent of the dining-car service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quiney rallway, of Chicago, was instantly killed and his body burned almost beyond recognition. Six other passengers were more or less injured. passengers were more or less injured, but none probably atally. Two coachts were consumed. Loss about \$10,000. The engineer of No. 1 did not see the rear lights on No. 5.

The Strike a Fiasco.

Pittsburg, December 20.—The strike of the third pool coal miners against a reduction of wages, ordered to begin to-day, was a failure. There was no suspension of mines that had ordered the reduction.

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